

# Utah Smart Sites!

*Where business and technology connect*

## **Historic Milestones**

**September 2000**

During **Silicon Valley Trade Missions**, Governor Leavitt develops idea for Utah Smart Sites

**December 2000**

Governor Leavitt announces the creation of the Utah Technology Alliance (then known as the Utah-Silicon Valley Alliance) and the creation of **Alliance Task Groups**. One of these task groups is asked to explore the feasibility of “rural smart sites” and Wes Curtis, Director of the Governor’s Rural Partnership Office, is appointed to chair this task group.

Ed Meyer and Les Prall from the Utah Division of Business and Economic Development are assigned to provide **full-time staff support** to Wes Curtis for the purpose of creating Utah Smart Sites.

**March 2001**

The Utah State Legislature appropriates **\$500,000** to develop Utah Smart Sites and **\$225,000** to market Utah Smart Sites.

With help from the Utah Division of Business and Economic Development and Smart Utah, **Uinta River Technologies**, the Northern Utah Indian Tribe’s smart site, is incorporated and employs 25 workers.

Governor Leavitt announces Utah Smart Sites in **Sanpete, San Juan, Iron, Box Elder, Carbon, Duchesne, Emery and Cache Counties**.

*Early last year, when the Ute Tribe held its opening ceremony for Uinta River, (Irene) Hansen was in the crowd watching as Gov. Mike Leavitt joined with members of the Ute Tribe in dancing around the building. "A woman came up to me, touched me on the arm and said, 'My granddaughter, she is one of those computer people,' " Hansen said. "The pride was so evident in her eyes. We both cried."*

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**April 2001**

Governor Leavitt holds **Outsourcing Summit** at the Governor’s Mansion where fifteen IT businesses provide input regarding Utah Smart Site concept.

**July 2001**

Legislative **appropriation** for Utah Smart Sites becomes available.

Department of Workforce Services awards **\$100,000** in Workforce Incentive Act Bonus Funds to Utah Smart Sites for training

U.S. Department of Commerce awards **\$500,000** to Utah Smart Sites for purchase of computer-related equipment.

Utah Division of Business and Economic Development Board sets aside **\$100,000** of Industrial Assistance Funds and **\$100,000** of Custom Fit Training Funds as incentives to create Utah Smart Sites.

Governor Leavitt designates Utah Smart Sites in **Sevier and Kane Counties**.

*October 2001*

**AMC**, Cedar City's Smart Site, receives \$56,000 from Utah Industrial Assistance Fund to create 20 jobs beginning at \$30,000 providing technical help desk support for Novell.

Governor Leavitt designates a Utah Smart Site in **Grand County**.

*December 2001*

Ed Meyer and Wes Curtis presented the Utah Smart Sites initiative to Ralph Yarro and the Presidents of several of the **Canopy Group** companies.

Governor Leavitt accepts. donation of self-paced, interactive CD-Roms to the Utah Smart Site initiative from St. George-based **LearnKey, Inc.** Materials are distributed to libraries, schools, senior citizen centers, women's centers and Smart Sites statewide to provide training in the Microsoft Office Suite. Donation valued at \$435,000.

*January 2002*

**Zions Bank** CEO Scott Anderson hosts Utah Smart Site reception for 50 business leaders at the Alta Club.

*February 2002*

Fifteen business leaders travel to **Delicate Arch** to join Governor Leavitt in welcoming the Olympic Flame to Utah after which they attend a Utah Smart Site reception.

200 attend Utah Smart Site reception and ribbon cutting for North Logan's Smart Site, **Information Connections**, held in conjunction with the welcoming of the Olympic Flame to Logan.

57 businesses participate in one of three **Utah Smart Site Business Appreciation Dinners** held at the Utah Business Club during the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games.

Leaders from **Utah's American Indian Tribes** are hosted at a Utah Smart Site Luncheon at the Utah Business Club to extend offer to become Utah Smart Sites.

Utah Smart Sites co-host the **Corporate Alliance** at the Utah Business Club where Wes Curtis presented the Utah Smart Site initiative to 200 Utah Valley businesses

*March 2002*

**Sevier Smart Site Cooperative**, involving ten local entrepreneurs, holds its ribbon cutting in Richfield's Smart Site. The cooperative will collaboratively market their IT services.

Governor Leavitt designates **Washington and Uintah County** Smart Sites.

*April 2002*

**Uinta River Technology**, the Northern Ute Indian Tribe's Smart Site, announces the creation of 75 data entry jobs performing services for U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services.

**Footprints**, Moab's Smart Site, is spotlighted in Wasatch Digital IQ Magazine.

*May 2002*

**Sanpete, Inc.**, Mt. Pleasant's Smart Site, holds its ribbon cutting. Two software engineers will be initial tenants and local technology training courses will be offered.

Information Connections, North Logan's Smart Site, receives a "**Telly Award**" given for outstanding non-network and cable TV commercials, films, video productions and programming joining such prestigious past winners as the Discovery Channel, NBC, Sony Pictures, the NBA and Walt Disney Studios.

Utah Smart Sites co-sponsor **Senator Bennett's Rural Utah Technology Summit** and present two breakout sessions.

Utah Smart Sites co-sponsor the annual **UITA Summit**. AMC, Cedar City's Smart Site is featured in breakout session.

**Information Connections** is spotlighted in **Wasatch Digital IQ Magazine**.

*June 2002*

Governor Leavitt announces the receipt of a **\$66,500 grant** from USDA Rural Development to provide technical assistance to **Utah Indian Tribes** interested in establishing a Utah Smart Site.

*I predict that by the time our 1,000-day plan has run its course, that within the Smart Sites collectively, we will have the largest single employment source in rural Utah.*

*Governor Michael Leavitt  
Remarks at ACS Kanab Ribbon Cutting*

Governor Leavitt participates in the ribbon cutting for **Affiliated Computer Services** (ACS). ACS located in Kanab's Smart Site and began operation with 66 data processing employees.

Governor Leavitt designates a Utah Smart Site in **Garfield County** bringing the total number of Utah Smart Sites to fifteen.

Governor Leavitt announces **Health Information Management** as a new Utah Technology Alliance "ecosystem" especially for rural Utah and Utah Smart Sites.

Governor Leavitt announces that in the year since the first smart sites were designated there are **400 new jobs** in Utah Smart Sites.